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Dockets Management Branch (HFAA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Rm 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket #98N-1038

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing this to urge you to require appropriate food labeling so that the consumer can know if food is irradiated. You can not be sure that irradiated food is safe and the consumer MUST have the choice of picking irradiated foods or not. I urge you to not use 'doublespeak' and call irradiation "cold pasteurization," etc. Your charge is to protect the public and so you MUST err on the cautious side and have safeguards so that consumers can KNOW what they are eating!

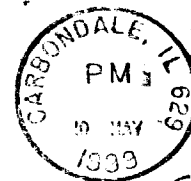
Again, be sure that irradiated products are labeled as to what they are. This is urgent.

Thank you.

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